THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. SCOPE is a registered society under the registration of Society Act. No budgetary support or grants-in-aid are provided to SCOPE by the Government. SCOPE accounts were got audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. In their report (No. 4 of 1998) C&AG of India for the year ended March 31, 1997 has pointed out that the project cost had scaled up more than three times from the initial estimates of Rs. 50 crores. C&AG has also observed several irregularities like irregular payment of establishment charges, inadmissible payment on escalation in delayed civil work and payment of revision on labour escalation formula. Other observations made, include use of spurious fire fighting material, over payment to contractors and non-recovery of amount spent on watch and ward of site.

The C&AG report is now under the examination by the Public Accounts Committee.

Viability reports of TCIL and IRD

1286. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industiral Development Bank of India (IDBI) was asked to submit separate viability reports for Tyre Corporation of India Ltd. (TCIL) Tyre and Industrial Rubber Product (IRD) division; by the end of September, 1998;

(b) if so, whether the IDBI has submitted the report; and

(c) if so, the details and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has not yet submitted the report to BIFR.

M/s Sipani Automobiles, Bangalore

1287. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Sipani Automobiles, Bangalore, a manufacturing company of Montana invited deposits from customers desirous of purchasing of vehicles in the year 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of money received as deposit by the company;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the people who booked the car by giving Rs. 10,000/—as deposit but subsequently cancelled the booking, regarding non-refund of money by the company;

(d) whether Government propose to take any action against the company for not refunding the money; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (e) Ministry of Industry and the Government of India are not monitoring the refund of deposits by individual car company as these are commercial and administrative matters internal to the functioning of the company. If M/s. Sipani Automobiles have not refunded deposits for booking of cars to certain parties, the depositors can approach the concerned consumer Forum of the Judicial Authorities for redressal. This Ministry had received some complaints in this regard and the company had been requested to take necessary action to refund the depositis.